

PORTABLE NETWORKING INTERFACE METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR DISTRIBUTED SWITCHING SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An apparatus and method to provide a portable networking interface for distributed switching systems. Two Application Program Interfaces (APIs) are defined for communication to a Forwarding Database Distribution Library (FDDL). The FDDL sits between network client applications and the switch device driver in order to provide a uniform interface to the switch device driver. Towers may be added to the FDDL to provide additional functionality specific to certain client applications.

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